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ELECTION UNCERTAINTY

Undoubtedly, the people of this country take their political campaigns seriously, and every four years they view the election of a president as a vital issue, upon which, it is repeatedly asserted, depends the future of the American republic and the welfare of all its citizens. Of course, few well-balanced thinkers have any such idea although the importance of the presidential election cannot be treated lightly.

TWO YEARS AGO

About two years ago when the mid-term Congressional elections were coming to the fore, there was little thought among competent observers that the Democrats would be able to hold their tremendous House majority. However, in the election they not only held their position, but actually made gains. The issue, almost everywhere, was the President and support of his policies. As a consequence of that election many Democrats contend that the people endorsed the moves made by the administration up to that time.

Today, with less than three months to go before the voters of the nation go to the polls to elect a President, the entire House membership and one-third of the Senate, the speculation revolves around the popularity of Franklin D. Roosevelt, whether he has lost his amazing hold on the public or not. Boiled down to its essence, the outcome of the voting depends upon the success of the President in retaining the faith of those who voted for him and representing, in their eyes, the hope of improvement.

So far as this writer knows, there is only one way to find out the answer, and that is at the polls. Various straw ballots will be taken and much information may be gleaned from their results but the argument will go on until the votes are counted and the explanations begin. On the surface, at least, the race is to be decided with the Republicans having a better chance of success than anyone thought possible less than two years ago. As speakers expound the "issues" and the newspapers resound with partisan debate there is no way to accurately gauge the effect of the furore upon the voters.

Generally speaking, the consensus of opinion two years ago was that President Roosevelt's chance for reelection would depend upon the extent of recovery. It was believed that his future depended upon the race for better times and that if he was lucky enough to have marked improvement apparent by this fall, he would have a decided edge. Today, the recovery is apparent, although there are dark spots, but there is no unanimity as to his fate at the polls.

RECOVERY SURVEYED

Speaking of recovery, it might be well to review the situation at this time. Newspaper headlines emphasize the advances made. Industrial production, operating at 49 per cent of the 1929 level at the low point of the depression, has moved up to 88, but it should be noted that the gains are recorded very largely in consumer goods. There is, however, a broadening to include heavy industries, with the steel industry showing an increased demand from varied sources. The automobile industry, of course, was one of the first to reflect the trend, which is being felt in the semi-luxury trades.

THREE DOUBTFUL FACTORS

Employment has steadily risen, being up to 82 per cent of the 1929 average, as compared with 56 in 1933, but still below the figure for industrial production. The weekly pay envelope, in June, was 73 per cent of 1929. The position of the farmer has also improved. While prices have not gone back to the peak they were at the bottom, and while prices he has to pay for what he buys are higher, the agriculturist has made progress. His products will buy only about five per cent less than before the depression as against 40 per cent in 1933 and early 1934 and his cash income is considerably increased.

The national income in 1935 was 34 per cent greater than in 1932, according to the Department of Commerce, and retail trade is expanding toward the volume, if not the money volume, of 1929. Business earnings reflect marked gains, the banking

Governor Landon Makes Plans For Eastern Journey

At Least 30 Personal Appearances To Mark Cross-Country Trip Into Eastern Territory

WORKS ON SPEECHES

First Address Expected To Deal With Expenses Of Federal Gov't. To Be Delivered August 22

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 11.—Governor Alf M. Landon mapped Saturday his first presidential campaign tour, which, in the form of a cross-country trip into eastern territory, is to be marked by at least 30 personal appearances in six states.

To 21 stops scheduled between Denver and Chicago, the Republican nominee added six Ohio and four in Pennsylvania, and then put President Roosevelt's home state of New York down for three in a still incomplete itinerary.

On a golf course a mile outside West Middlesex, the Kansan will deliver his first major eastern address at 3 p. m. (eastern standard time) August 22. Saturday night will be spent in nearby Newcastle. Sunday morning the governor will return to West Middlesex for personal visits. Aides said he may attend services at the Methodist church of which his grandfather, the Rev. W. H. Mossman, was pastor at the time of Landon's birth.

After another night in Newcastle, the nominee planned to leave for Conneautville. An hour's stop was scheduled at Conneautville where some of Landon's ancestors were buried.

With his West Middlesex address just two weeks off and an Estes Park, Colo., visit with his family scheduled to intervene Landon remained in the executive mansion over the week-end to work on his three speeches.

Among Landon's advisers there was a belief that the first talk would deal with federal spending and taxation. At Chautauqua, N. Y., they looked for a discussion of education. Such subjects as the constitution, unemployment and social security have been urged for the Buffalo speech, but as the time drew near there were indications Landon might prefer the question of efficiency in governmental administration.

Women's Club Is Organized Here On Fri., Aug. 7

A group of women from Sparta met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. L. Doughton for the purpose of organizing a Women's club. The organization was under the direction of Mrs. James Toms and the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Edwin Duncan, vice president, Mrs. A. S. Carson, secretary, Mrs. Clinton Halsey, publicity chairman, Mrs. Robert M. Gambill. Various committees were also appointed.

About 17 women were present for the organization and the new club hopes to add greatly to the initial list of members.

The objectives of the club include various improvements in the town of Sparta. The club members expect to meet each month on Friday following the third Sunday. The next meeting thus, will be held on Friday afternoon, August 21, at the Sparta High school.

Alleghany High School Principals To Meet Here Fri.

The annual conference for high school principals of Alleghany county, conducted under the supervision of Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, will be held Friday, August 14, beginning at 9:30 A. M. in the Sparta high school auditorium. All principals in the county are expected to attend this conference, and all teachers are invited and urged to attend, according to W. C. Thompson, County Superintendent of schools.

Old Glory at Berlin



BERLIN, Germany... Here is a picture of the American flag, Old Glory, as she was run to the top of the pole in the American section of Olympic Village which houses Uncle Sam's champion athletes to the world's greatest sport festival.

Head Of Bankers Assoc. Dies While Bathing In Surf

Loses Life Sat. Night At Wrightsville Beach. Last Rites Held Mon. In Chapel Hill M. E. Church

Chapel Hill, Aug. 11.—Milton E. Hogan, of this city, president of the North Carolina Bankers association, lost his life Saturday night while bathing in the surf at Wrightsville Beach. Mr. Hogan was regarded as one of the most successful bankers in the entire state. He was made president of the association at the convention held in June.

He had been connected with the Bank of Chapel Hill since 1909 when he was assigned to the job of accountant. He was so successful in his work that in 1915 he was appointed general manager and cashier of the bank which had total resources at the time of \$115,000. Today the institute has \$3,500,000 resources.

Prior to being elected president of the bankers association, Mr. Hogan had served as vice president and executive committee member of the State Bankers' Association and as chairman of group four.

R. E. Kerr, of Charlotte, first vice president of the association will automatically become president. Mr. Hogan succeeded Clarence T. Leimbach, of Winston-Salem, as president.

Led by a large delegation of state officers and bankers, hundreds of friends and business associates gathered in Chapel Hill Monday afternoon to pay a last

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Partial List Of County Teachers Is Made Public

W. C. Thompson, Superintendent of Alleghany County Schools, has announced August 31 as the date decided upon for the opening of the Alleghany county schools.

A complete list of teachers for the county is not yet available. As soon as authorized lists are available from the various districts, they will be announced.

A partial list follows: Glade Valley—District No. 3. Little Pine—Mrs. Hazel H. Taylor, principal, Miss Annie Tolliver, Reid Truitt; Blevins X Roads—Glenn Tolliver; Vox—D. C. Wyatt; Dividing Ridge—Miss Lola Billings; Hooker—Luther C. Joines.

District No. 4, Laurel Springs: Laurel Springs school—Miss Blanche Pugh, principal, Miss Nancy Miller; Pine Fork—Miss Johnny Dale Taylor; Pleasant Grove—Fred Hart, and Belview, Mrs. E. W. Shepherd.

Roosevelt To Be In Charlotte On Thurs., Sept. 10

Congressman Doughton In Receipt Of Letter From Secretary. Executive Will Speak At Big Rally

Congressman Robert L. Doughton has received a telegram from Stephen Early, Assistant Secretary to President Roosevelt, advising he will be at Charlotte on September 10 to speak at the Green Pastures Rally on that date. This is a young Democratic organization covering seven states, with Haywood Robbins of Charlotte, a young attorney, as its president. Mr. Early's telegram was as follows:

"Poughkeepsie, N. Y. August 7th, 1936. "Honorable R. L. Doughton Laurel Springs, N. C. "The President plans to arrive in Charlotte September tenth about four thirty o'clock in the afternoon. He must leave Charlotte about six o'clock. In all announcements please stress that the meeting will be non partisan. Public release of these plans by you is authorized.

Stephen Early Assistant Secretary to the President."

It was through Mr. Doughton's efforts it is said, that a delegation from Charlotte, headed by Haywood Robbins and the mayor of that city, was given an appointment to see the President some time ago and to extend to him the invitation to come to Charlotte. Mr. Doughton went to the White House with the delegation and personally insisted upon the President to attend this rally, which is expected to draw the largest crowd ever gathered in the South.

The following is a list of Alleghany county Democrats named as Marshalls to attend and act at the rally on the tenth: R. F. Crouse, W. F. Osborne, W. V. Blevins, J. A. Higgins, Lonnie Southers, Doughton Tompkins, Glen Edwards, George Edwards, and Glen Duncan, Sparta, and R. A. Waddell, Laurel Springs, C. T. Edwards, Stratford, Bill Irwin, Stratford, and John R. Halsey, Piney Creek.

Crop Statisticians Pass Through Sparta On Semi-Annual Trip

W. R. Rand, field statistician of field crops, and Frank Parker, Federal statistician, passed through Sparta recently on their semi-annual trip through the state to estimate the crop acreage, etc.

By means of a meter in their automobile connected with the speedometer, the crops can be estimated as the machine moves along the highway with unbelievable accuracy and precision. This estimate is made each spring and fall and the two men, who have headquarters in Raleigh, are now on the fall tour.

Greater Day For State And Nation Is Seen By Hoey

Asheville, Aug. 8.—In a ringing challenge to every man, woman and child in North Carolina to join hands in developing the resources of this state, Democratic Governor nominee Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, tonight predicted that "the state and nation were approaching a greater and finer day than either have ever experienced."

Speaking at the final session of the one-day convention of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers' Association, Mr. Hoey said that the depression has helped us to realize our natural wealth, and has tempered a people softened by years of prosperity.

He declared that agriculture must receive attention, and that citizens of North Carolina by developing their natural resources, must stem the vast stream of money that pours into other states annually for products we could raise at home. "Agriculture must prosper, before other industries will attain their greatest success," Hoey said, "and each section must develop resources peculiar to the section."

Girl, 17, Admits Killing Mother with Hatchet



NEW YORK... Gladys McKnight, 17, and her 13-year-old chorister sweetheart, Donald Wightman (above), revolted this populace, hardened to brutal crimes, in the confessed murder of the girl's mother. Donald holding the mother while Gladys battered her down and to death with a hatchet. It was all over a trivial quarrel because Gladys had to get an early supper for herself so she might play tennis with Donald. They say the mother had a knife in her hand.

Tires of Hero Role



LONDON... Gordon Dick, 36, (above), a traveling salesman going his placid way a fortnight ago, has found the role of hero rather trying. He is the man who knocked the gun from the hand of the assassin, now charged with threatening the life King Edward recently.

Chief Executive To Tour New York, Penn. Flood Area

Will Visit Great Lakes Exposition At Cleveland And Speak Friday Night In Chautauqua, N. Y.

Washington, Aug. 11.—President Roosevelt, after a flood control conference with his aides yesterday, announced plans for a tour of the flood-damaged sections of Pennsylvania and southern New York, starting Thursday, and an address on foreign affairs at Chautauqua, N. Y.

Arrangements for the tour, which will include a visit to the Great Lakes Exposition at Cleveland, provided for the president to leave the capital Thursday. His speech at Chautauqua may be broadcast.

Returning to the White House after a month's absence, Mr. Roosevelt lunged immediately into discussion of government measures to prevent floods such as those that damaged eastern states last March.

He conferred also with Secretary Swanson and Admiral William H. Standley regarding the possibility of re-establishing a naval squadron in European waters, and shifting vessels protecting Americans in Spain.

On his tour of flood areas the president will be accompanied by Major General Edward M. Markham, chief of army engineers; Robert Fechner, director of the civilian conservation corps, and representatives of the soil erosion

Piney Creek Fair To Be Held This Year On Sept. 26

The Piney Creek Fair, sponsored by the Agriculture and Home Economics departments of Piney Creek high school, will be held on Saturday, September 26. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ashe County Men Confronted With Federal Charges

Henry Bare Confesses To Whitehead Store Robbery And Other Crimes. Two Are Held In Wilkesboro

Henry Bare and Adrian Long, two Ashe county men, who were being held in the Sparta jail pending investigation of the robbery of the M. L. Richardson store at Whitehead, which occurred on the night of July 20, were turned over to Federal officers on August 12 and were then taken to the Wilkesboro jail to await trial for charges growing out of confessions made by Henry Ware.

Bare's confession not only included the robbery of the store, but, confronted with damaging evidence collected by Sheriff Walter M. Irwin, Bare signed a statement revealing his part in the robbery of the Glade Valley post office on July 19, and admitting to the theft of about \$100 worth of wool, on May 30 from three men living near Laurel Springs. Bare incriminated Long in each of the robberies, but Long made no admissions.

After making the arrests and preparing sufficient evidence to convict the men in all the cases, Sheriff Irwin summoned Inspector Kyle, of the Post Office department, to present the Federal charges against the men.

A preliminary hearing was conducted Tuesday by George Cheek, Commissioner, who set their bond at \$5,000.00 each. Neither was able to post bond, thus making it necessary to spend the inter-

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Howard Roup Runs For Seat In Senate In Wash.

A news story concerning the candidacy of Howard Roup, of Cloverland, Wash., for a seat in the Washington state Senate, published in the July 10 issue of the Astoria County (Wash.) Sentinel, is reprinted below. Mr. Roup is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Roup, Sparta.—Editor.

The story follows: "Howard Roup, of Cloverland, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, will file in a few days on the Democratic ticket, for the position of State Senator, for district No. 10, embracing Astoria, Garfield and Columbia counties. While he had been urged to become a candidate for the state senatorship by friends for sometime, the decision to do so was not reached until Tuesday afternoon when quite a representative lot of citizens from Clatskanie, Anasone and Astoria, both Democrats and Republicans, wait-

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Roosevelt And Landon Likely To Have Conference

President Projects Such A Meeting Friday Night As He Makes Plans For Governors To Gather

EXECUTIVE MAPS TOUR

Kansas Governor Expects To Attend Scheduled Meet, Which Is Likely To Be Held In Iowa In Aug.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 11.—It has become known here that a meeting with Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, Republican candidate for president, at a conference of drought states governors was projected Friday night by President Roosevelt.

Completing the general outlines of a trip through Mid-Western drought regions to begin August 25 or 26, the president announced at a press conference that he would invite the governors of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri to a drought discussion probably in Iowa early next month.

He obviously enjoyed the stir among reporters assembled in the tiny study of his home as he inserted Kansas casually in the list. He added that all the governors would be invited and wanted to know "why not?"

Landon, the Republican presidential candidate, has been taking an active interest in drought conditions in recent weeks and his speaking trip through the East apparently will be finished in time to permit him to sit in on the conference with the president.

Governor Landon's answer at Topeka was immediate. "If there is any meeting, anywhere at any time of benefit to Kansas, I will attend as governor of Kansas."

"Kansas has cooperated in every instance with the federal government and all its agencies dealing with an emergency or relief measures. My work as governor of Kansas comes ahead of anything else I am doing," he said.

Prior to his inauguration in 1933, President Roosevelt turned down an invitation to consult President Hoover on anti-depression measures.

Before going to the drought belt, the president expects to spend Monday through Thursday of next week in Washington, perhaps two days in areas in northern and western Pennsylvania and southern New York hit by floods last March, and probably a week at Hyde Park.

Doughton Is Called To Washington By President Roosevelt

President Roosevelt called Congressman Robert L. Doughton over the telephone Wednesday and asked him to come to Washington immediately for an important conference. Mr. Doughton left Sparta Wednesday afternoon for Washington and expected to confer with the President today (Thursday).

Mr. Doughton will be chief speaker Friday night at a gathering in Charlotte.

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When industry goes out the door, poverty comes in at the window.
AUGUST
13—Mexico City falls. Mexico becomes a Spanish province, 1521.
14—First airplane delivery of mail to steamer at sea, 1915.
15—Napoleon Bonaparte, world conqueror, born, 1769.
16—First banana, 30 bunches, imported into the United States, 1899.
17—First patent on a plow—iron hook—granted by the United States, 1791.
18—Flood makes first appearance in history, 1522.
19—Carl Jordan is first to invent a combined milk, 1870.